

COT

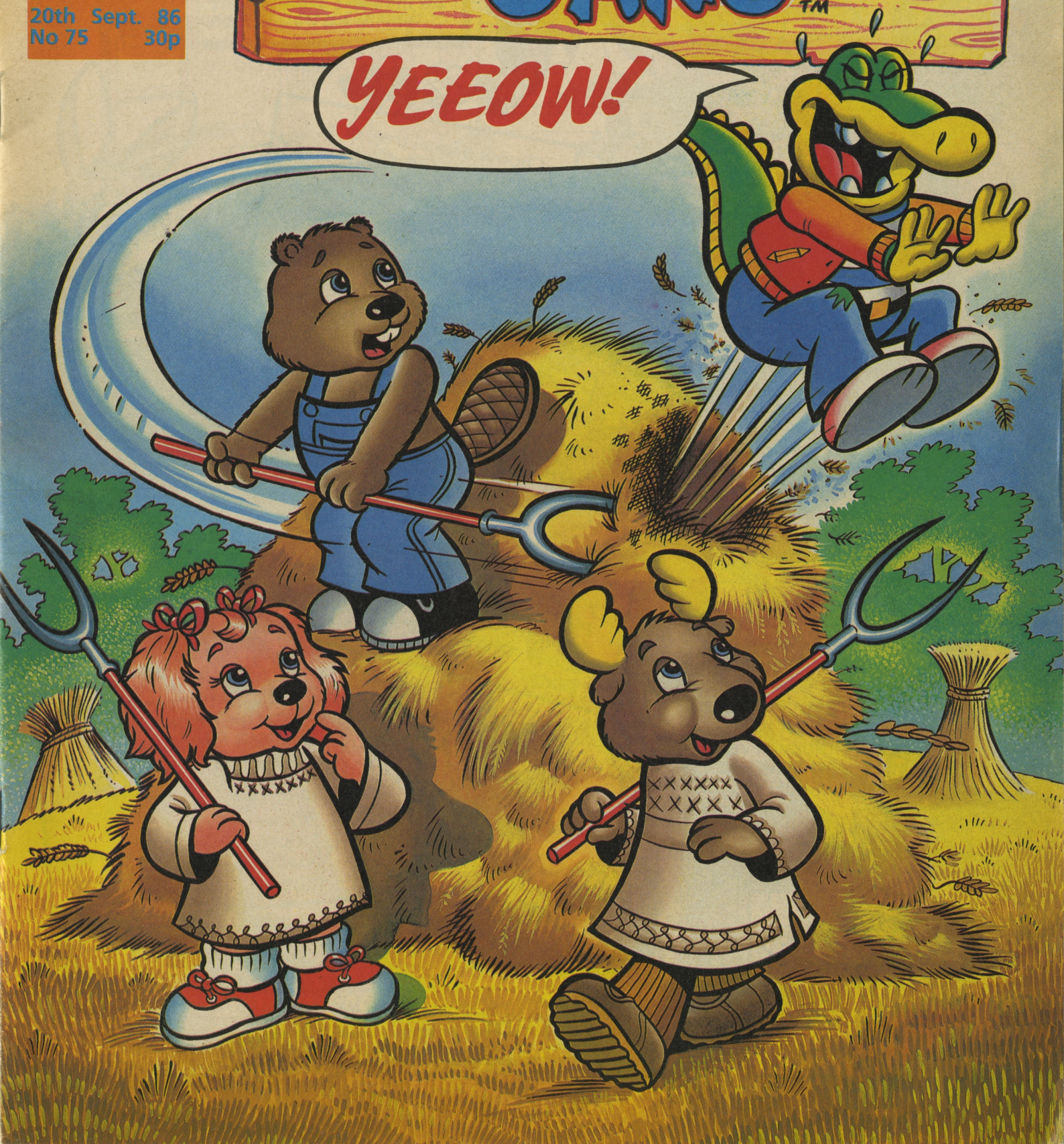
MARVEL™



20th Sept. 86
No 75 30p

GET ALONG GANG™

YEEOW!





Even if you don't live on a farm, or in the country, you can still keep your eyes and ears open and watch nature at work! Here are some ideas . . .

Choose a small tree, or a small area, and make a nature diary of it. Draw pictures and make notes of any changes during the year, and the different animals and insects that visit it.

Watch the birds that visit your garden or window ledge. If you put food out make sure it is out of reach of cats. Draw the birds you see – and then try and identify them from a bird spotter's book.

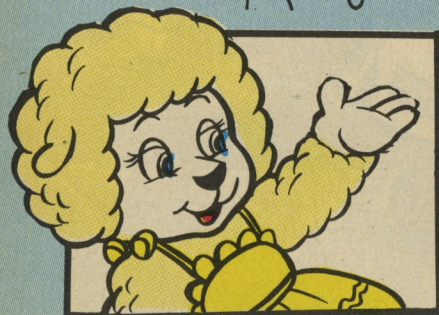
How many animals live near you? Cats, dogs, birds; possibly rabbits, mice and squirrels. Try and find out about different breeds. Watch how they behave.

If you have a pond near you look out for: mallards, coots, moorhens, swans, midges, dragonflies, water lilies, water weeds, rushes, willow trees, frogs, tadpoles, sticklebacks, water boatmen and all sorts of other creatures and plants!

HI GANG!

Welcome to our fun farm issue! Harvest is a lovely time of the year isn't it? And it's great to be out and about enjoying the countryside, although as you can read on page 3 it does have its drawbacks! You can have more farmyard fun on page 12 with our fantastic farm game! And there's a great story on page 8! Cloro and Digby can breathe a sigh of relief! They finally get those troublesome beavers sorted out! But will Birdbrain ever be normal again? Mind you, he wasn't that normal to begin with!

Montgomery

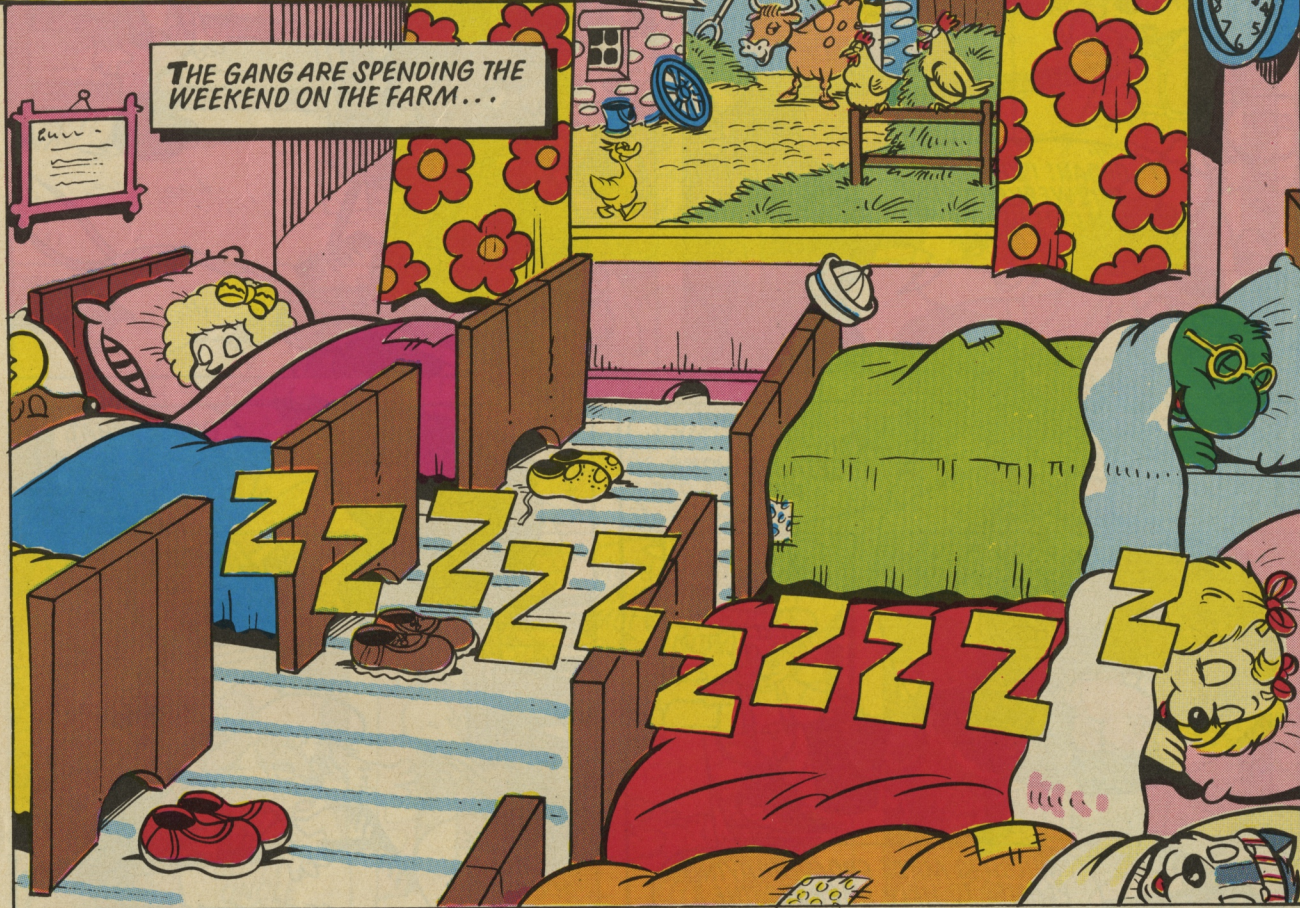


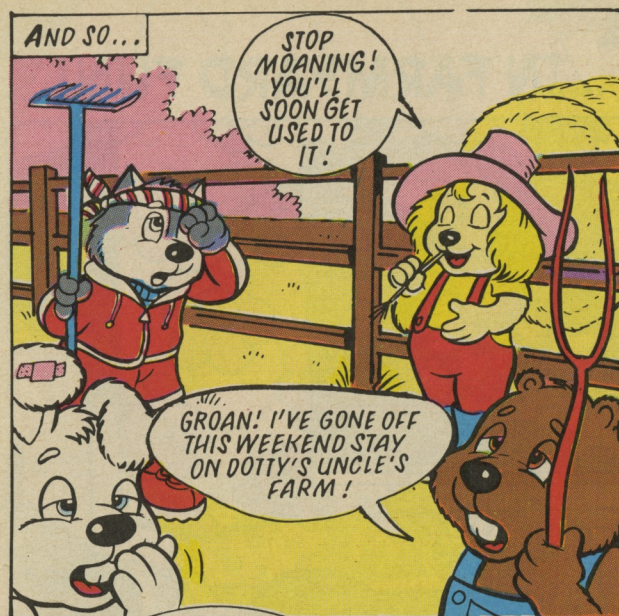
GET ALONG GANG is published weekly by Marvel Comics Ltd., 23 Redan Place, Bayswater, London W2 4SA. Get Along Gang™ and © MCMLXXXVI Those Characters From Cleveland Inc. All other material, unless specifically marked is © 1986 Marvel Comics Ltd. All rights reserved. No similarity between any of the names, characters, persons and/or institutions is intended and any such similarity is purely coincidental.

ABC

GET ALONG GANG™

...IN FARMYARD FUN!

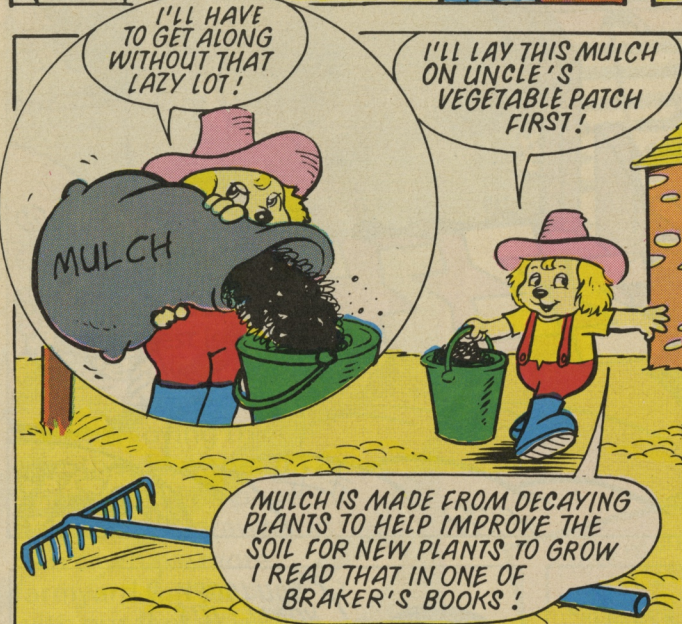




AND SO...

STOP
MOANING!
YOU'LL
SOON GET
USED TO
IT!

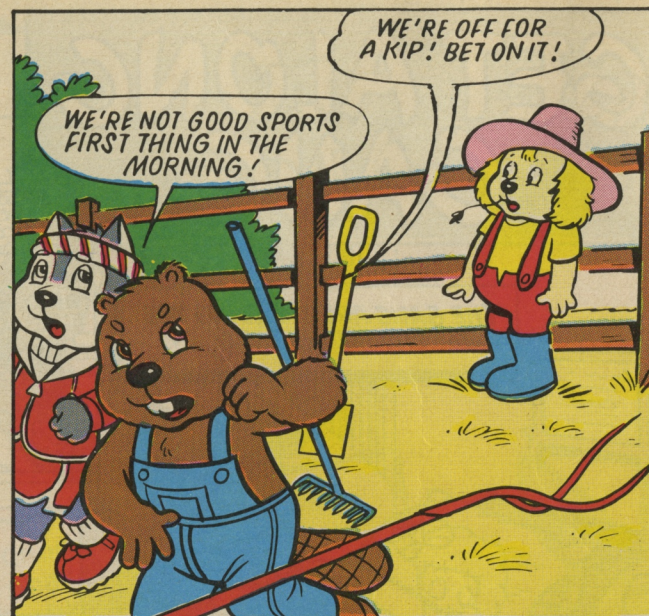
GROAN! I'VE GONE OFF
THIS WEEKEND STAY
ON DOTTY'S UNCLE'S
FARM!



I'LL HAVE
TO GET ALONG
WITHOUT THAT
LAZY LOT!

I'LL LAY THIS MULCH
ON UNCLE'S
VEGETABLE PATCH
FIRST!

MULCH IS MADE FROM DECAYING
PLANTS TO HELP IMPROVE THE
SOIL FOR NEW PLANTS TO GROW
I READ THAT IN ONE OF
BRAKER'S BOOKS!



WE'RE NOT GOOD SPORTS
FIRST THING IN THE
MORNING!

WE'RE OFF FOR
A KIP! BET ON IT!

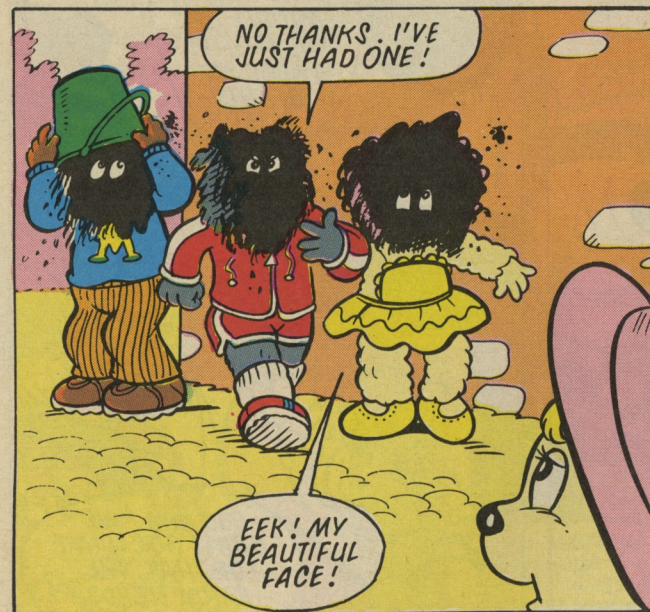


OOPS! WHAT
A PLACE FOR
ZIPPER TO
LEAVE HIS
RAKE!

Whoops!

DOES HE
WANT AN
ACCIDENT?

TRIP!



NO THANKS. I'VE
JUST HAD ONE!

EKK! MY
BEAUTIFUL
FACE!

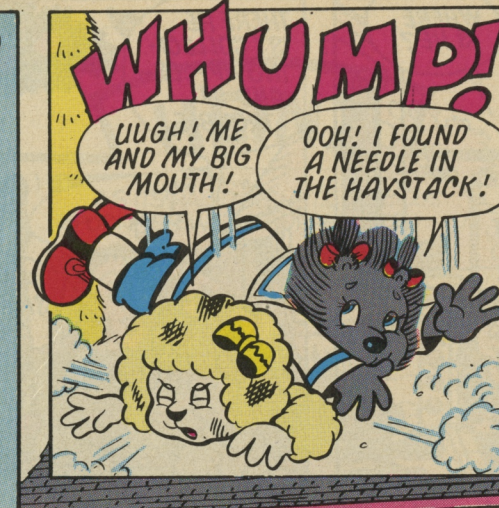


HEH, HEH! WHAT'S
THE MATTER, WOOLMA?
I THOUGHT YOU LIKED
WEARING MUD-
PACKS!

STUPID FARM
WHAT ELSE
COULD GO
WRONG!

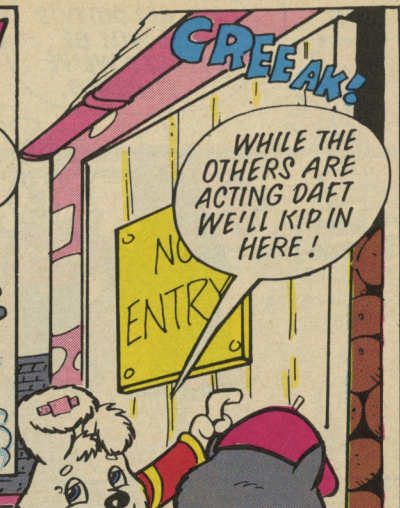


YEEOOOWW!



UUGH! ME
AND MY BIG
MOUTH!

OOH! I FOUND
A NEEDLE IN
THE HAYSTACK!



WHILE THE
OTHERS ARE
ACTING DAFT
WE'LL KIP IN
HERE!



BUT THE SIGN
SAYS WE SHOULDN'T
ENTER!



I NEVER TAKE
NOTICE OF
NOTICES! I...
YIPES!

WAAH!
THIS IS
WHERE
DOTTY'S
UNCLE
KEEPS HIS
'TATIES!



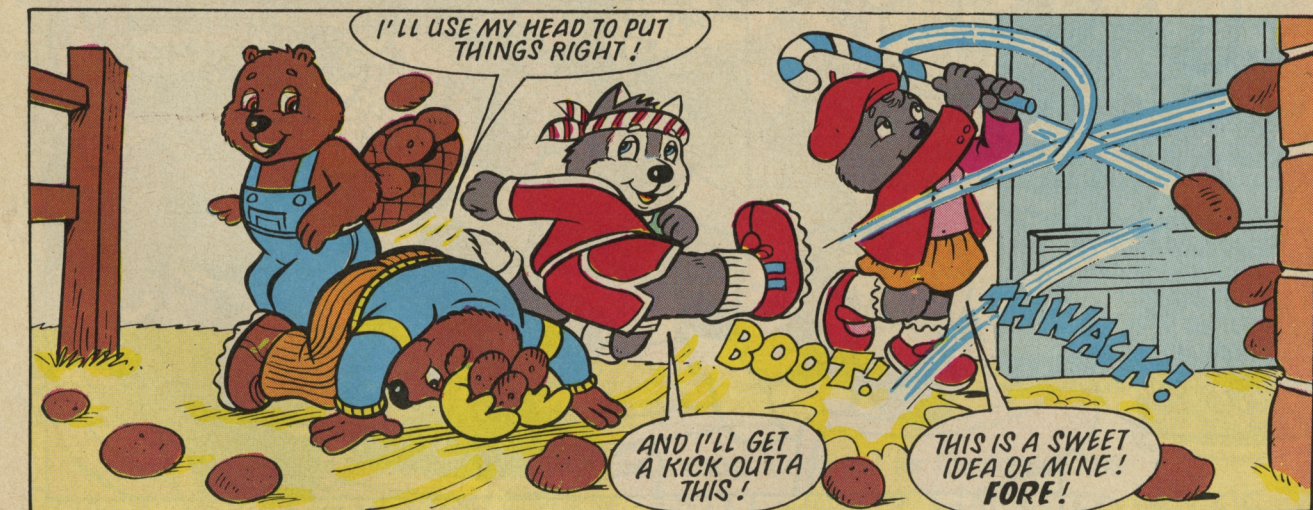
PICKLED PETUNIAS!
YOU BAIN'T BE IN
MOI GOOD BOOKS
NOW!

S-SORRY, SIR!
WE'LL CLEAN
THEM UP
AGAIN!



EVERYTHING'S GONE
WRONG BECAUSE WE
FELL OUT!

SO
NOW'S THE
TIME TO GET
ALONG
TOGETHER!

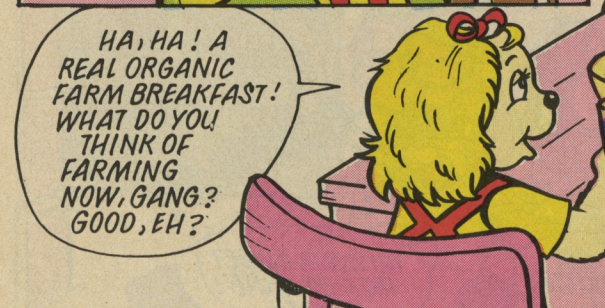
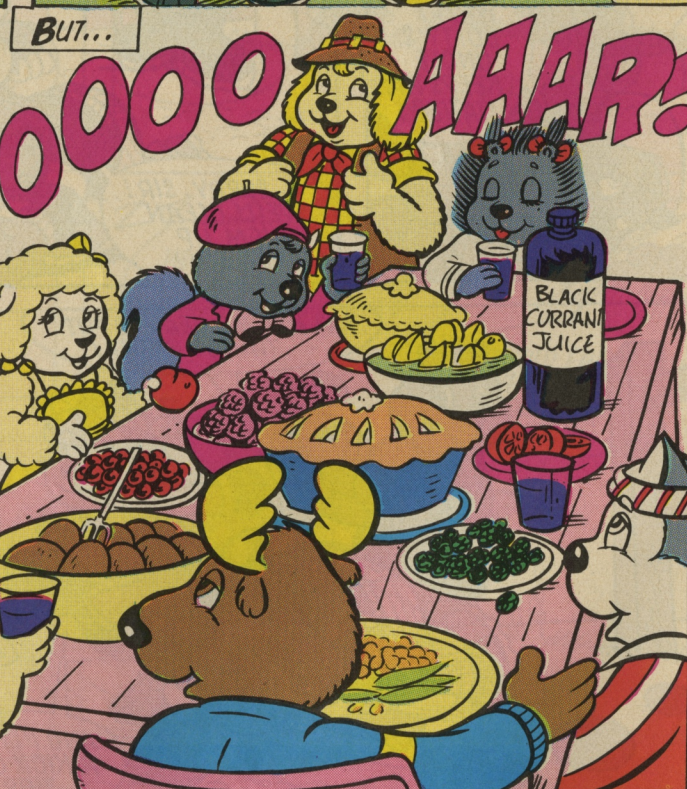
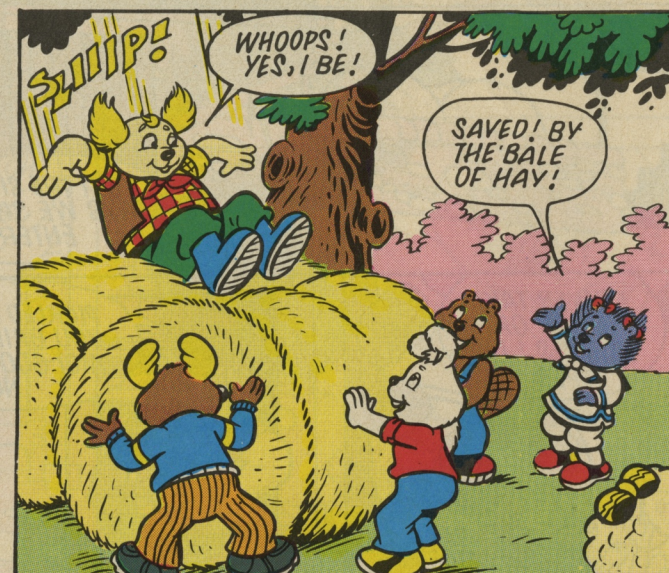
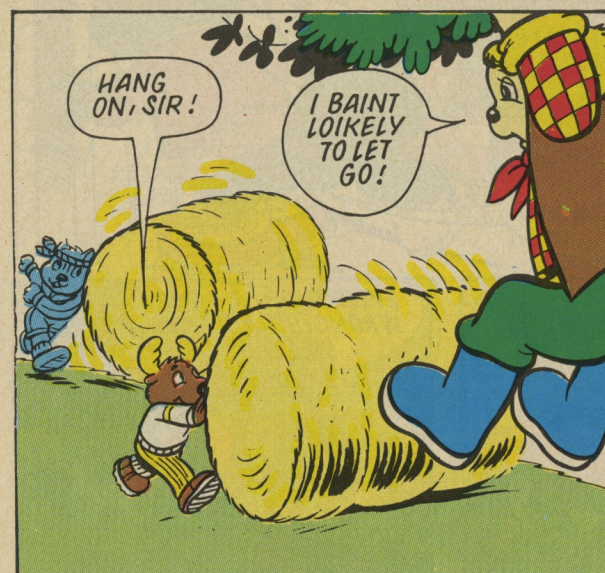
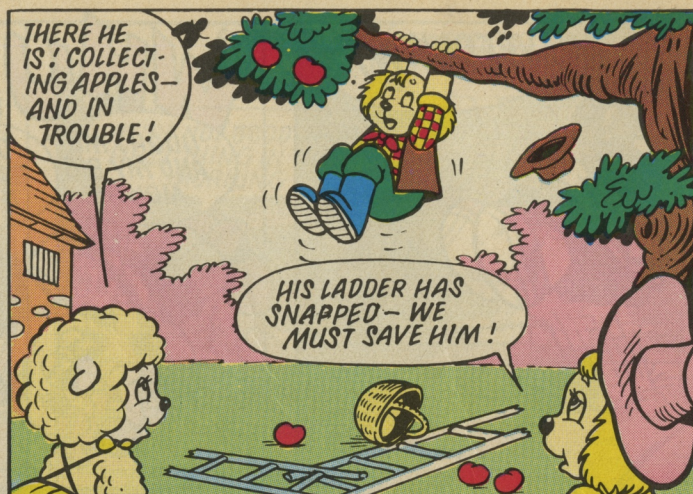


I'LL USE MY HEAD TO PUT
THINGS RIGHT!

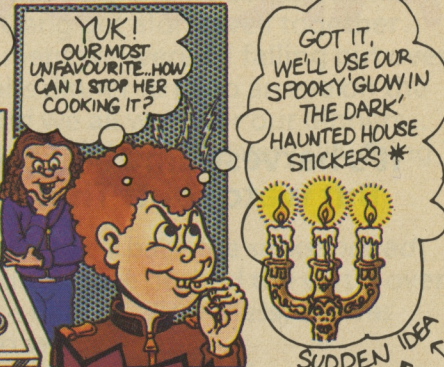
BOOT!

AND I'LL GET
A KICK OUTTA
THIS!

THIS IS A SWEET
IDEA OF MINE!
FORE!



NEXT WEEK: The Gang are in training!



* Free spooky 'Glow in the dark' stickers and theatre. Look out for the special tins
SCARE YOUR FRIENDS SILLY WITH HEINZ HAUNTED HOUSE.

HARVEST HOO-HA!

By DOTTY DOG

It's harvest time and the Get Along Gang are all set to help out as usual. But watch out! Things never run smoothly when Catchum's around...



It was time for the Green Meadow Harvest Festival and my Uncle was supplying all the fruit and vegetables for Vicar Blessyew's Church display.

The Gang helped Uncle pick all the best fruit and dig up all the most delicious vegetables. Then we put them in two sacks for Uncle to drive to Green Meadow.

But oh, dear! When Uncle came to start Bessie, his lorry, there was a loud grinding noise, a big **BANG...** and then Bessie's engine stopped!

"Oooo aaarr!" grumbled Uncle. "Oi don't think Bessie be goin' anywhere today!"

"But if we don't get the food to the Church, Green Meadow won't be able to hold its Harvest Festival," said Portia.

Montgomery, who really is very clever, came up with the answer.

"We can make a cartie from these old planks of wood," he said, showing us the pile of timber Uncle had taken out of his barn. A broken pram lay next to the wood. "And we can use the wheels of the pram to push the cartie along."

See! I told you Montgomery was clever!

Braker wasn't so sure. "Perhaps we should wait until Dotty's Uncle has fixed Bessie," he said, putting the brakes on Montgomery's idea. But he was outvoted so, with my happy cheers to encourage us along we quickly went into action.

Rocco, who is the strongest, held the wood in place while Bingo hammered the wheels on with his tail. The rest of us carried the sacks of fruit and veg over to the cartie, and when we had finished Bernice cleaned up any mess with her broom.

As for Woolma... well, she just stood around looking pretty!

"I've only just manicured my nails and I don't want to ruin them," she said. We all chuckled loudly at this. Woolma's a lovely friend to have but she is *terribly* vain!

With the cartie ready and the sacks on board we said goodbye to Uncle and began to push. It was a long way to Green Meadow and everytime we went downhill the cartie would run away from us. Luckily Braker kept throwing one of his books under the wheels to stop it before it crashed into someone.

Vicar Blessyew was out when we reached the Church.

"That's okay," said Montgomery. "We'll take the food to the Clubhouse Caboose for safety and bring it back this afternoon."

What we didn't know was that two green pests were listening to our conversation!

"Yuckle!" I suppose Catchum must have cackled in that slimy voice of his. "That grub needs a proper place to stay... like our tummies!"

I don't know if he and Leland followed us to the Caboose but I do know what happed next!

Usually the Gang get along well together but at this moment we were all falling out over who should miss dinner to keep an eye on the sacks. In the end we all went for our dinners... which, we discovered later, was a very silly thing to do!

When we came back the sacks *looked* all right, so we pushed the cartie over to the Church. Vicar Blessyew was very pleased to see us.

"Just empty the food into the boxes, children," he told us. Opening the sacks we emptied them into the boxes that stood on the table in the Church... and then all pulled faces!

"**POOOOH! WOTTA PONG!**" gasped Bingo as the horrible smell of rotting fruit and vegetables went up our noses!

"Oh no! groaned Bernice. "All the food's gone bad!" We looked at the revolting sight of boxes of mouldy fruit and veg.

"This isn't Uncle's food!" I shouted. "Someone's swapped the food over!"

Vicar Blessyew was most upset. "We can't have a Harvest Festival with this! Take it away!"

We all felt awful because we knew it was really our fault for falling out and not guarding the sacks. Outside the Church we saw Catchum and Leland laughing and holding a big box of fruit and veg.

"**HAW! HAW!** We swiped your grub and gave you the rotten food out of Mr Lettuce's the green grocer's dustbin!" grinned Leland. "And we're gonna scoff this lot before you can catch us!"

But Montgomery wasn't beaten yet. Handing each of us an end of one of the boxes of rotting food he shouted, "Throw as hard as you can!"

We all threw the box high into the air... it landed with a **SQUEEELLLLLLCC!** in front of Catchum and Leland.

"**WAAAAAH!**" they squealed as they slipped, cartwheeled and looped the loop on the fruit and veg. They fell to the ground, letting go of the box of Uncle's food, which we caught safely.

Vicar Blessyew was very pleased to get the real fruit and veg for the Harvest festival. Everyone came and shared in the food... except for Catchum and Leland, that is. They ponged so much after rolling in the rotting food that their Mums kept them indoors and made them take ten baths... **EACH!**

Lots of Get Along Love,
DOTTY DOG x x x



Thousands of kids are already members and you can join too! Speak to your Mum or Dad about joining to make sure they think its a good idea as well. For a membership fee of only £2.50 membership is given for 12 months from the date of joining.

You will receive the Get Along Gang Official Membership Kit packed full of fun – a kit folder, a membership certificate & badge, a full set of 12 character picture cards, a newsletter from Montgomery "Good News" Moose and the Gang, a Club Rule Book containing details on how to start a Get Along Gang Club in your area with membership cards for your friends. The kit also contains the secret club code and a free miniature Get Along Gang character toy.

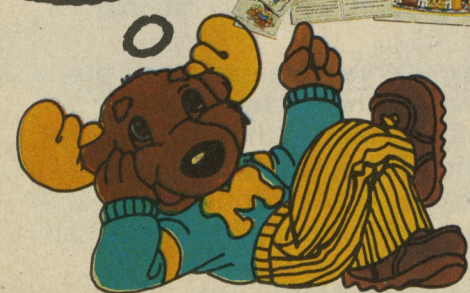
During the year Montgomery Moose will send your newsletters to let you know about the goings on at Green Meadow, he'll be suggesting fun things to do and setting exciting competitions – remember to let us know your birthday so Montgomery "Good News" Moose can include a super Get Along Gang birthday card.

FREE!

MINIATURE TOY
ASSORTED CHARACTERS



LOOK WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU JOIN OUR CLUB



A FUN CLUB FOR KIDS COMPLETE AND POST NOW TO:

The GET ALONG GANG CLUB, Green Meadow, Diss Norfolk, IP22 3HH, U.K.
I enclose £2.50 cheque/PO made payable to Get Along Gang Club
Please enrol my child as an official member.

Miss/Master:

Address:

Postcode:

Date of Birth:

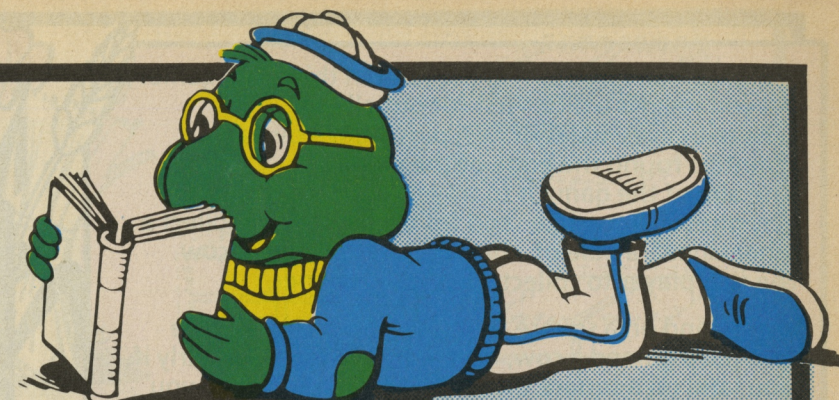
Parents Signature:

If more than one of you wishes to enrol please print details on a separate sheet of paper enclosing £2.50 cheque or PO for each new member.



PETCARE

AS EASY AS ABC



CHOOSING A HAMSTER

Hamsters don't live very long so buy a young one. You can tell a young animal because the insides of its ears will be covered with tiny white hairs. The inside of an adult's ears are bare.

WHY THEY'RE FUN TO KEEP!

Hamsters prefer to live alone and are a good choice if you want a single pet. Hamsters are small, easy to carry about and enjoy being handled. They are clean animals which do not smell.

You must handle your hamster as much as possible, as soon as you get it, so that it will get used to you. Be very gentle and patient. Let it smell your hand first, then offer it food after a few days. When it will eat from your hand you can stroke it gently and pick it up carefully. You can teach your hamster simple tricks. One good one is to say its name and then give it the command stand while you

hold a titbit over its nose. When it rises on its hind legs it will get a reward, and it will soon learn to stand when you give the command.

WHERE THEY LIVE

An old drawer with a wire mesh over the top makes a perfect home. Put some sawdust on the floor and give it hay for its bed. Give your hamster a toilet! A big jam jar on its side will do nicely and your hamster will appreciate it.

FOOD

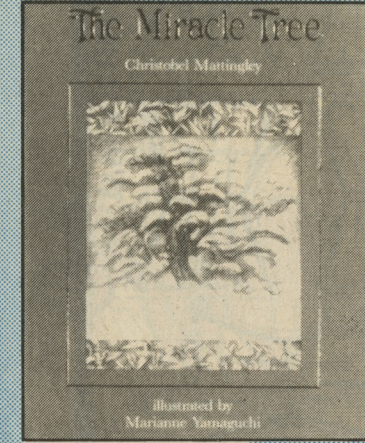
Hamsters store food in their cheeks and look funny when they're really full and bulging. Hamsters eat cereal grains, which you can get from any pet shop. Hamsters also like fruit, porridge, bacon rind, fish skin, eggs and almonds. Always provide fresh water in a drinking bottle.

HOW LONG DO THEY LIVE

Not much over 2 years.



book choice



The Miracle Tree by Christobel Mattingley. Illustrated by Marianne Yamaguchi. Published by Hodder & Stoughton. Price: £5.95.

In the city of Nagasaki on the Japanese island of Kyushu three people lived for twenty years hoping for a miracle. So begins the tender story of three people – Taro the gardener, his beautiful bride Hanako and her mother. Each of them hopes and prays for a miracle and their lives are as entwined as the branches of the pine tree Taro lovingly tends. Beautifully and sensitively illustrated with charcoal drawings, this book will touch the heart of every reader.

5 players can have fun on the farm in this great game!
 All you need is a dice. First cut out all the
 wheatheaves, bales of hay, pigs, hens, cows and
 counters round the edge of the page.
 The aim of the game is to travel round the board in
 any direction you like and for each player to collect a
 wheatsheaf, a bale of hay, a pig, a hen and a cow.
 The first player to collect all 5 is the winner.

If you land on a square that says 'lose a cow' before
 you have gained a cow, miss a turn instead. Similarly if
 you land on a square that says 'gain a cow' when you
 already have a cow, throw again instead.

FUN ON THE FARM!

BALES OF HAY

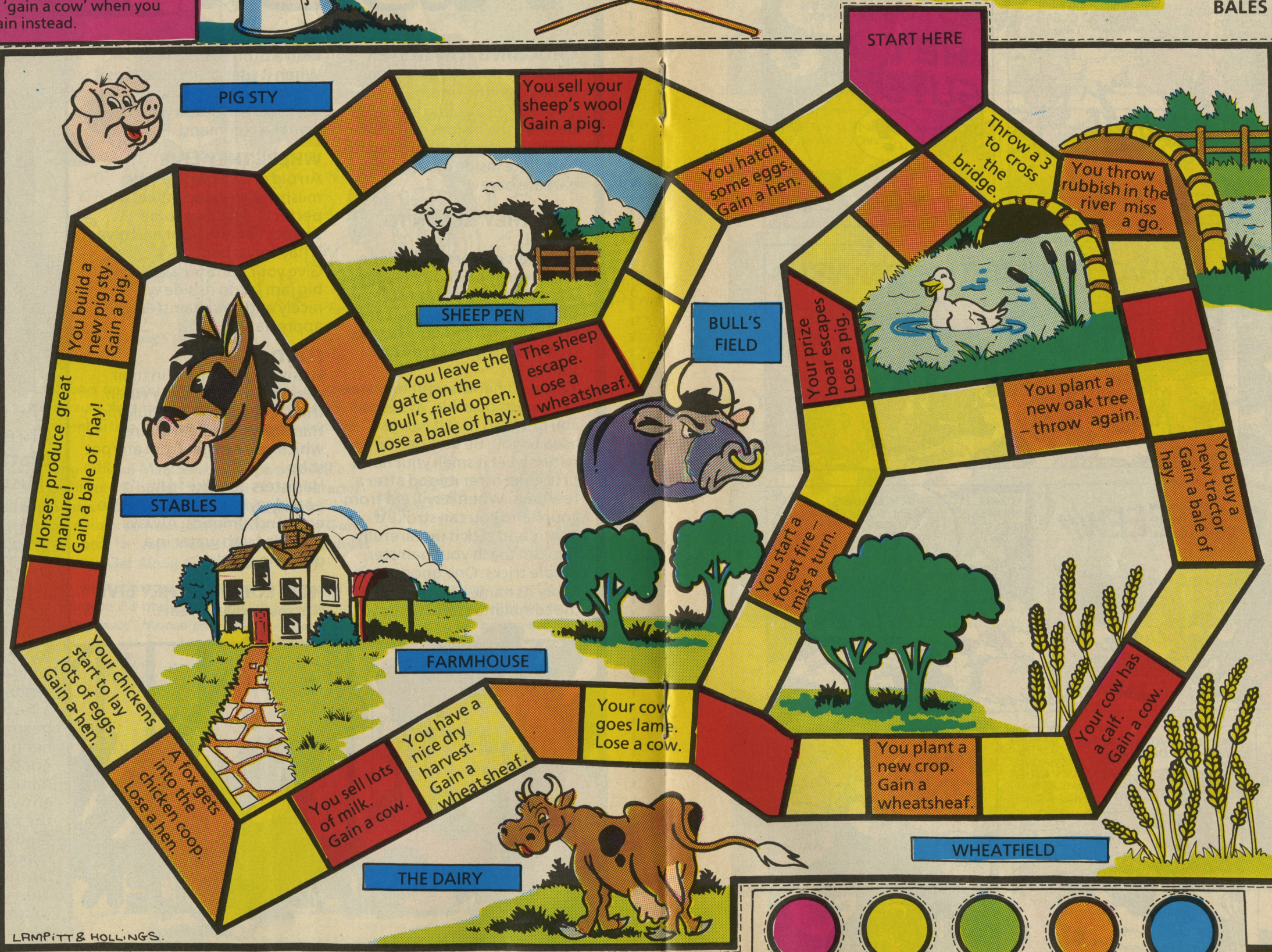
WHEATHEAVES

HENS

PIGS

COWS

COUNTERS

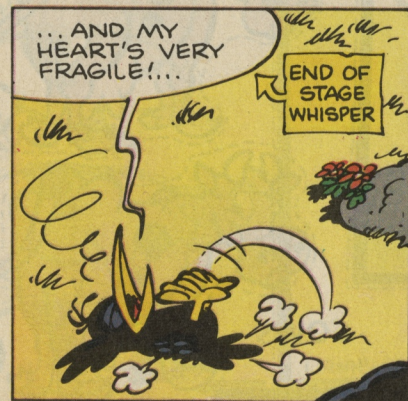
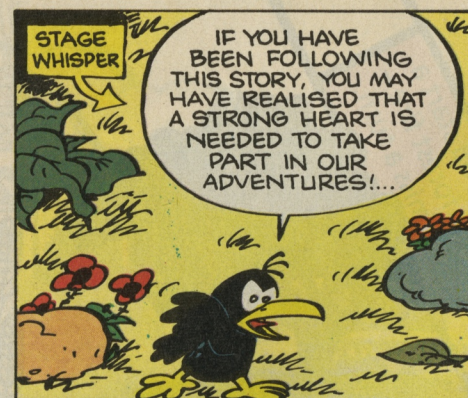
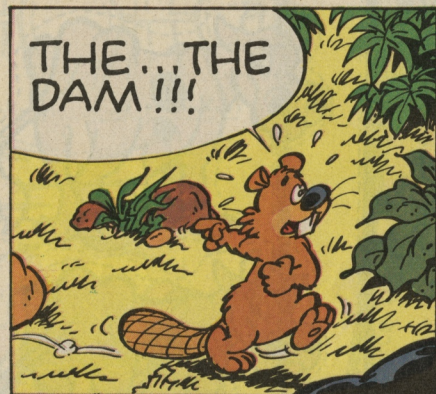


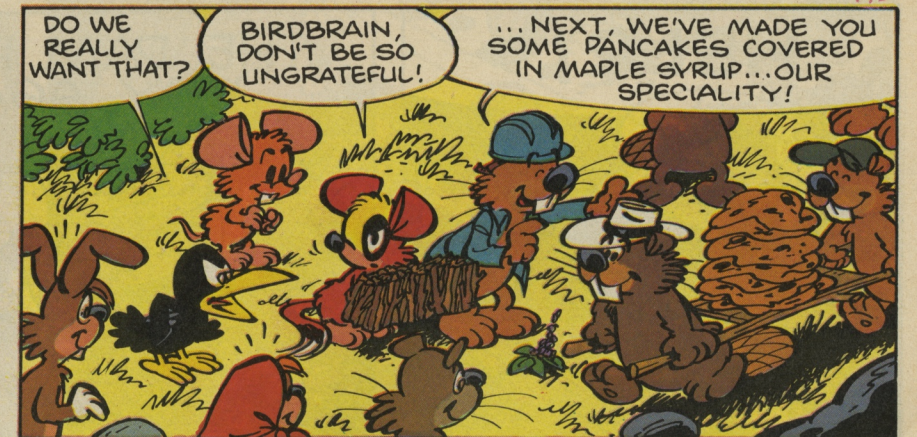
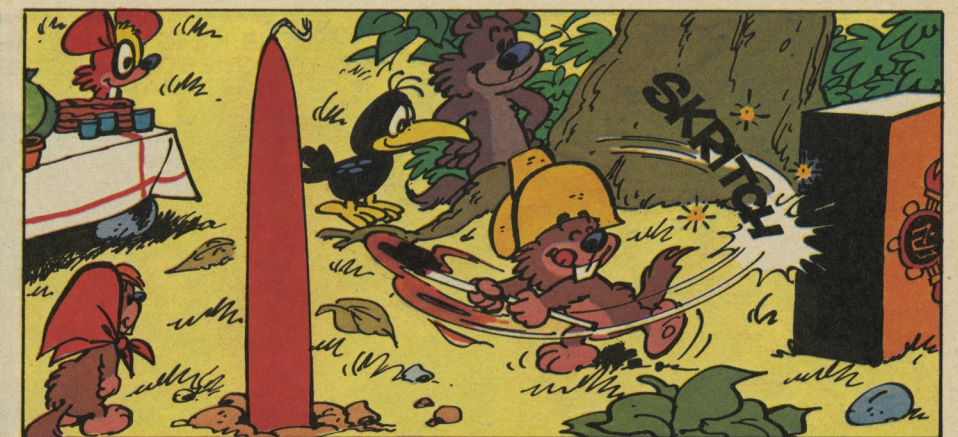
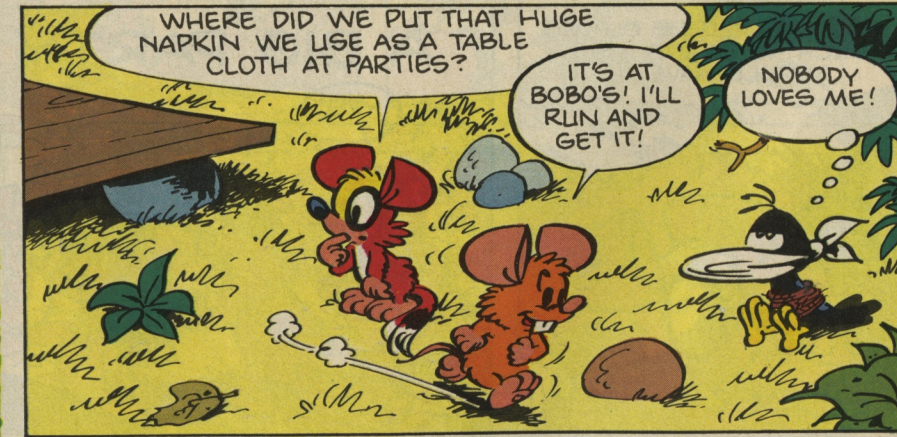
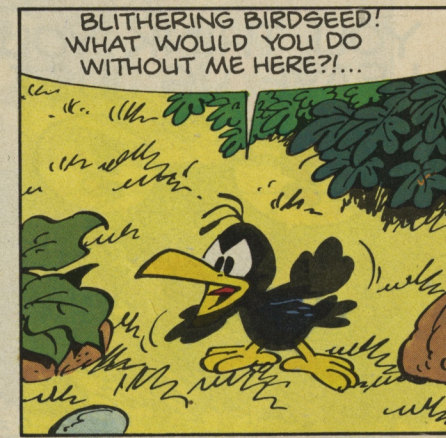
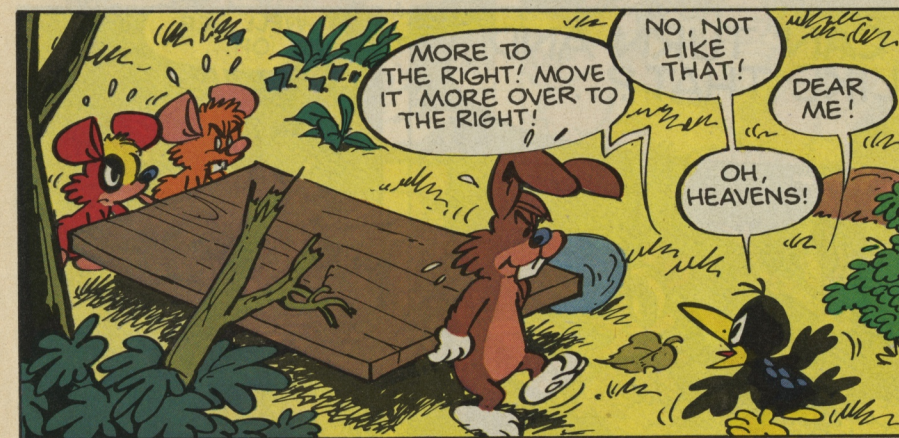
LAMPITT & HOLLINGS.

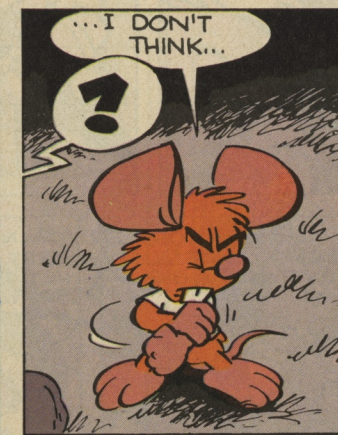
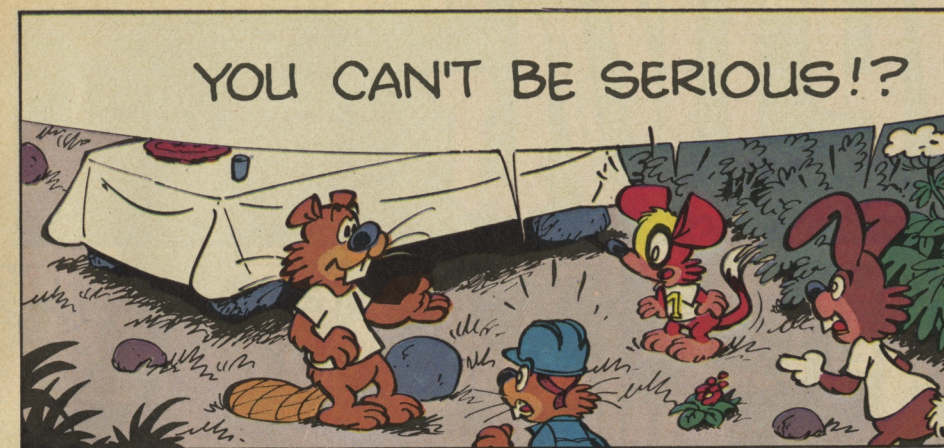
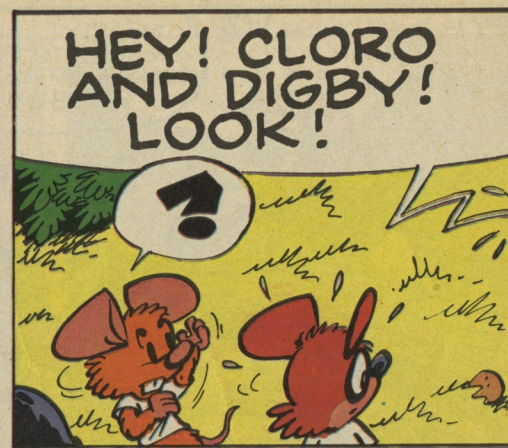
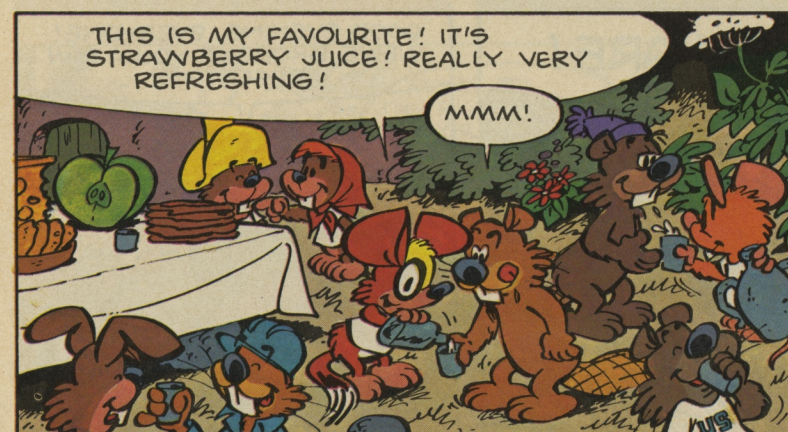
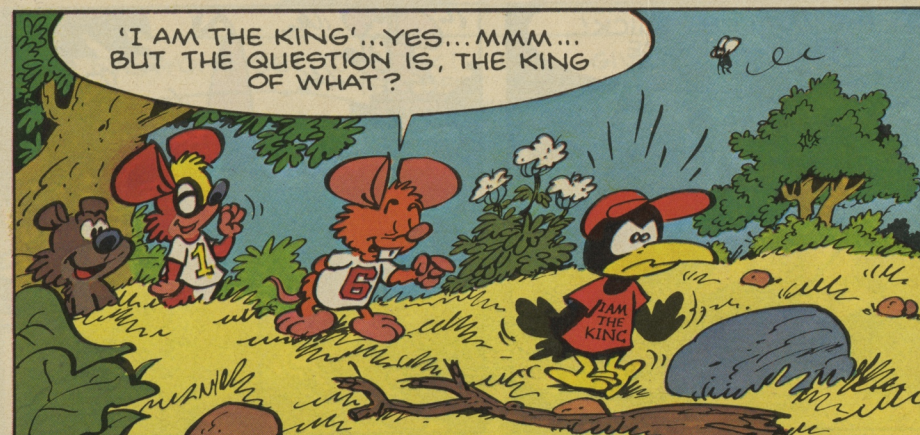
The hilarious adventures of two little field mice and their country friends!

COLORO AND DIGBY

The floods have receded and all seems to be well again...

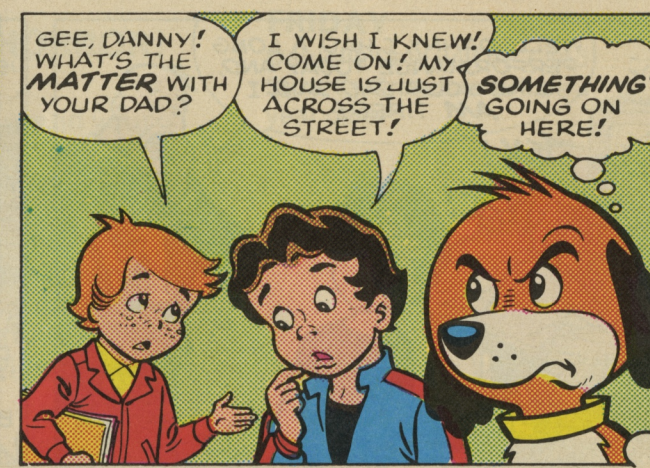
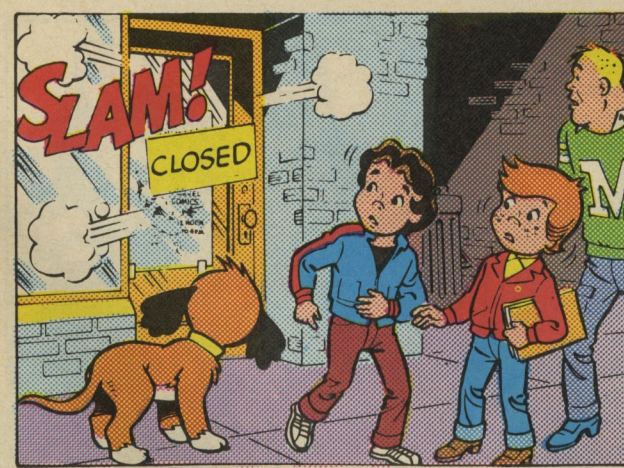
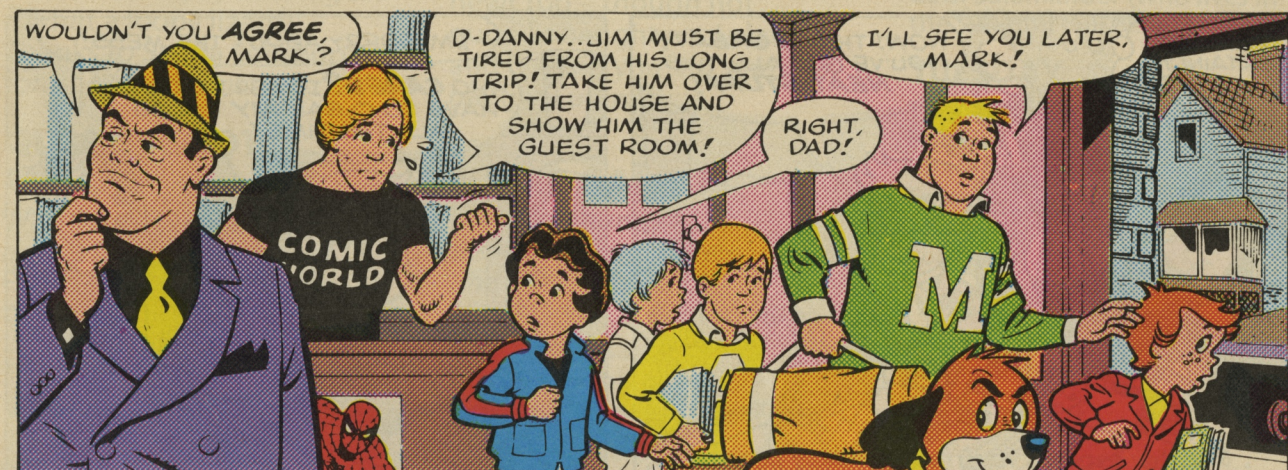
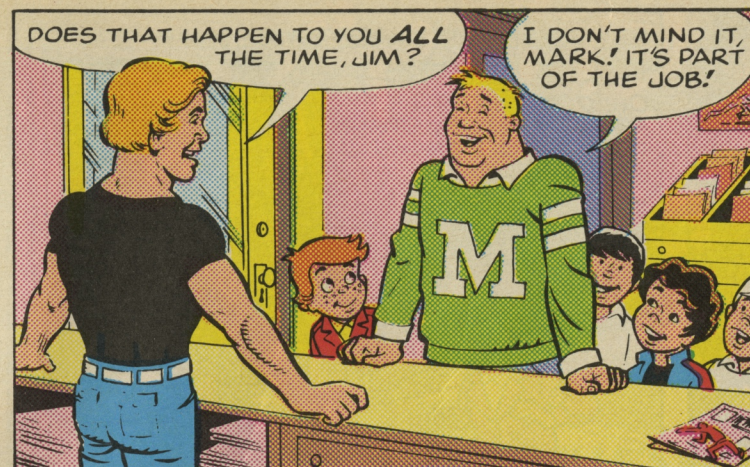
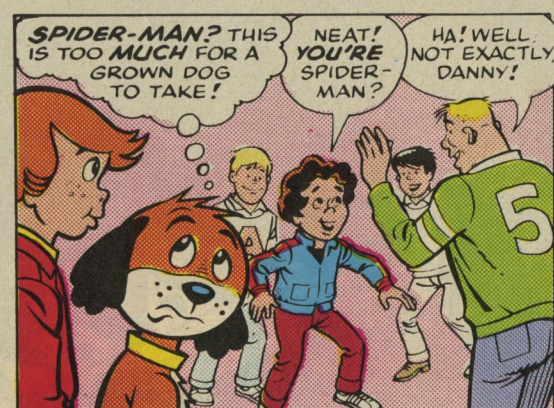
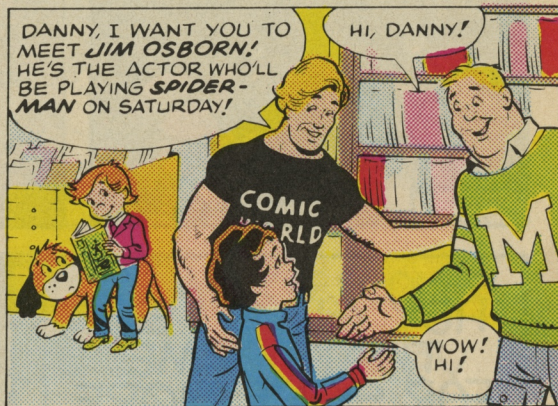
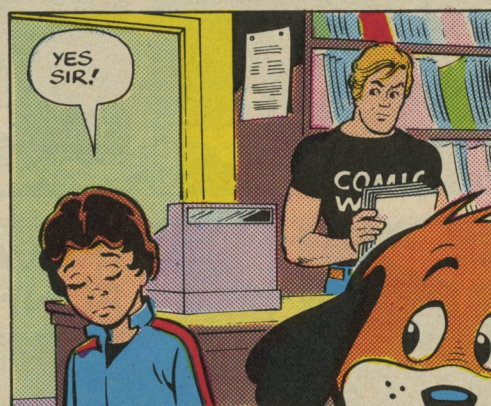






TOP DOG

Top Dog and Joey are visiting Danny and his Dad, who runs a comic bookshop...

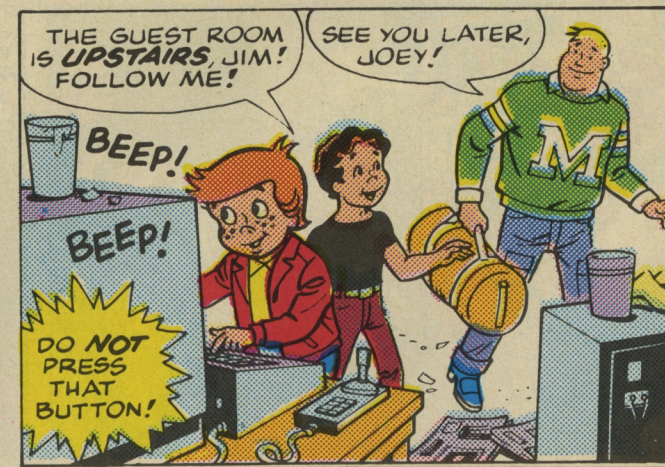
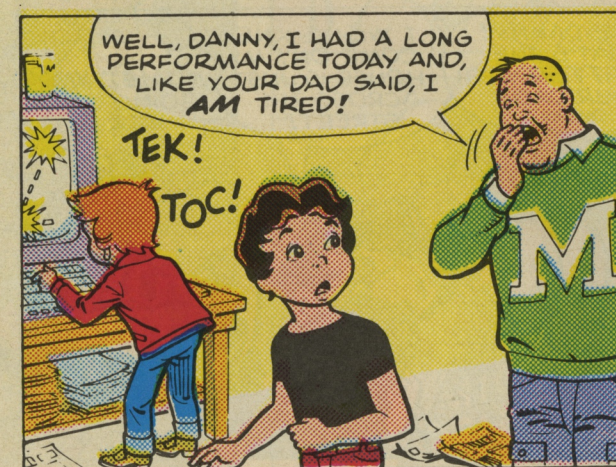
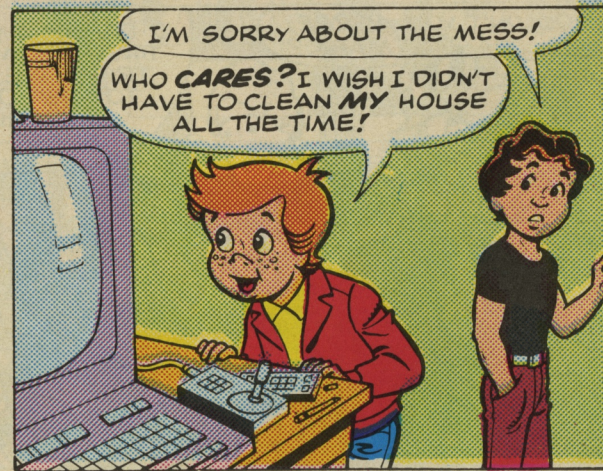
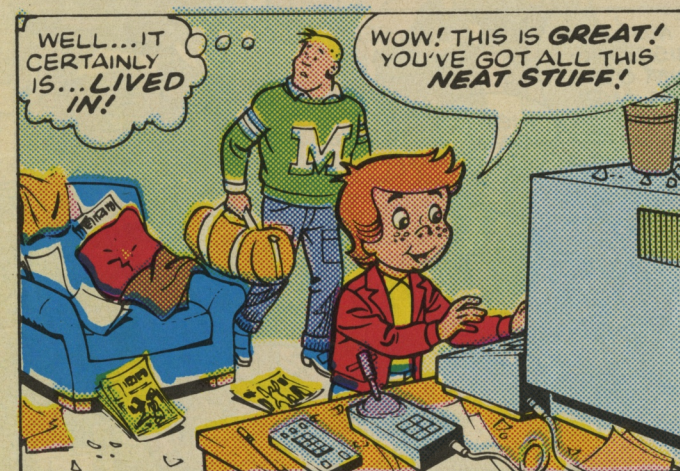
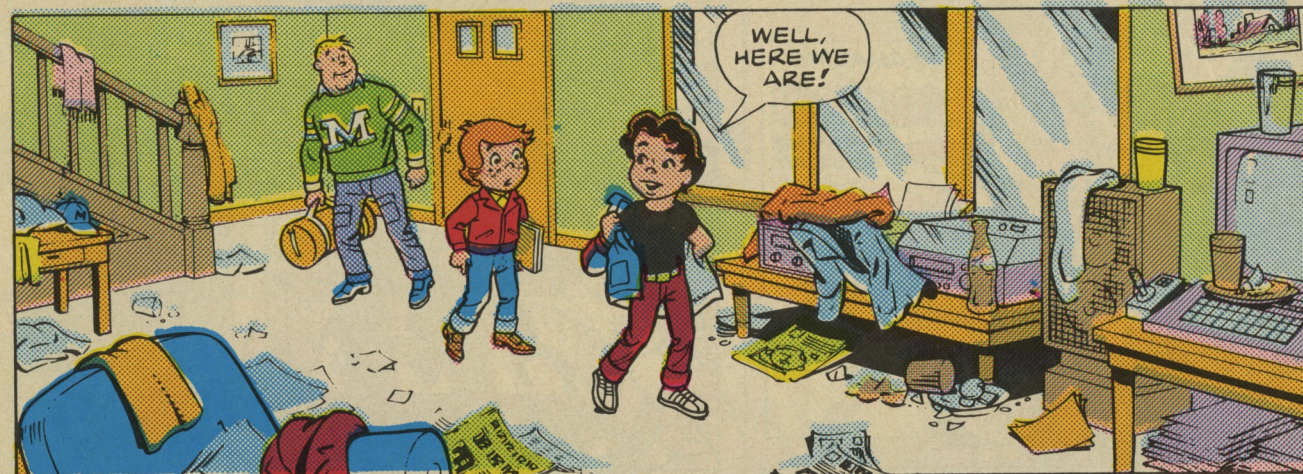
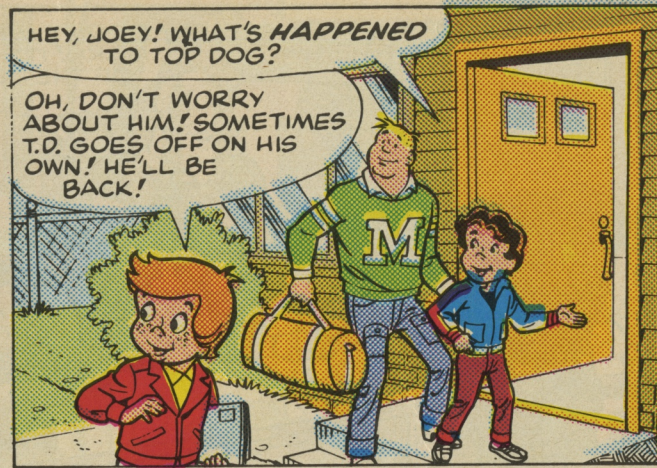
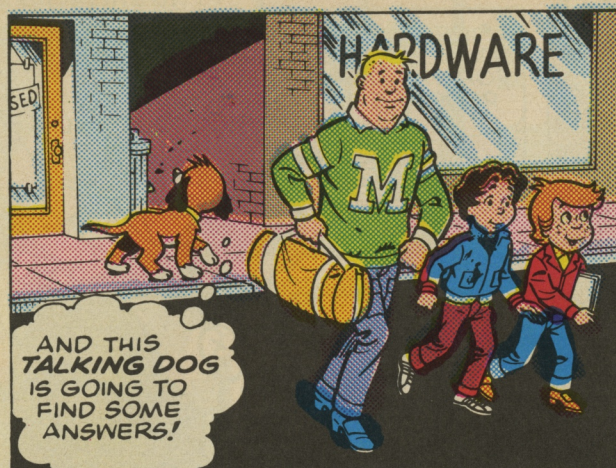


Joey Jordan

Joey's mum

Joey's dad

Lizzie Jordan



NEXT WEEK: Top Dog overhears some very interesting news!

LETTERS TO

GUMMY FOOT SWAMP

NEVILLE'S NICE!

Dear Catchum,
I think your friend, Neville the Newt, sounds really cute! Is he as naughty as you and Leland?
I have two fish. Every morning I wiggle my finger at them and they wave their pectoral fins in return! When I feed them, I tap the spoon and they swim straight to the surface!

Genevieve Wilson.

Neville's pretty cute newt, isn't he? He's a naughty newt too – though not quite as naughty as Leland and I! Mind you, no one's as naughty as us two!

BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

SATURDAY

Nicholas Warner will be 6.

SUNDAY

Fay Frances Campbell will be 6 and Yvonne Ellis will be 6.

MONDAY

Cecil Salamander (who lives in the Swamp) will be 4.

TUESDAY

Toni Webb will be 4, Susan Robbins will be 5 (she will also be starting school today!), Frances Woolfender will be 9 and Charlotte Fielding will be a year older.

WEDNESDAY

Angela Treeby will be 5 and Emma Fletcher will be 11.

THURSDAY

Matthew Duggen will be 4.

FRIDAY

Danielle Cole will be 7 and Stuart's Grandma will be a year older.

A BIG SQUIDGY SORRY!

In issue 69 (9th August) that daft Leland made a silly mistake with the birthdays! He wrote Friday 9th August instead of Friday 8th August – what a loopy lizard! Thanks to Selina Salisbury for pointing it out!

GUMMYFOOT GAGS!

What's yellow and brown and very hairy?
Cheese on toast dropped on the carpet!

S. Logan.

What's green and holds up stage coaches?
Dick Gherkin!

Helen Saunders.

NAME GAME!

Dear Catchum,
What is your middle name and what is Leland's?

Adam Harding.

My middle name's Cruncher, Leland's is Leopold! Coo, what a soppy name!

HOLIDAY HORROR!

Dear Catchum,
Where do you spend your holidays?

Paula Corrigan.

I like to go to Bognor Regis. It's great there – I can run up and down the beach stealing little kiddies' ice creams and putting lobsters in old men's swimming trunks.

Write to:- Mr. C. Crocodile.
Gummyfoot Swamp.
Marvel Comics.
23, Redan Place.
London W2 4SA.

Please send birthday requests 7 weeks in advance!



**GOOD NEWS
FOR ALL YOU
GET ALONG
GANG FANS**

Now you can enjoy fun and games with your very own Get Along Gang characters. Six of your furry favourites are available from Tomy as cuddly, lovable friends.

You can have Dotty Dog, Zipper Cat, Portia Porcupine, Montgomery "Good News" Moose, Bingo "Bet It All" Beaver and Woolma Lamb.

All these cute chums come in two sizes, with their own removable colourful clothes. The larger Gang members also have roller skates that really work.

That's the good news Get Along Gang fans – and you heard it straight from Montgomery.

Get your Get Along Gang favourites from Tomy – at all good toy shops.
ONLY FROM:

TOMY

DOTTY DOG™ ZIPPER CAT™ PORTIA PORCUPINE™
MONTGOMERY "GOOD NEWS" MOOSE™
BINGO "BET IT ALL" BEAVER™ and WOOLMA LAMB™

© American Greetings Corp. MCMLXXXV

